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PROTEIN ACETYLATION, DECREASE AGING, INCREASE LIFESPAN

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment and Reply to a Restriction Requirement, Paper No. 14, issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 21, 2001. A petition to extend the shortened period for reply to the Restriction Requirement for four months, from April 21, 2001 to August 21, 2001, and the appropriate fee are enclosed herewith.